

Claims 1-12: Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) A catheter system comprising:
 - a first handle portion having a proximal end, a distal end, a first fluid flow path, and a second fluid flow path;
 - a second handle portion having a proximal end, a distal end, a first fluid flow path, and a second fluid flow path, wherein the distal end if of the first handle portion is matable with the proximal end of the second handle portion;
 - a flexible catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, a first fluid flow path, and a second fluid flow path, wherein the distal end of the second handle portion is matable with the proximal end of the catheter to place the first fluid flow path of the flexible catheter in fluid communication with the first fluid flow path of the second handle portion and the second fluid flow path of the flexible catheter in fluid communication with the second fluid flow path of the second handle portion; and
 - a pressure sensor in communication with one of the first and second fluid flow paths.
14. (Original) The catheter system of claim 13, further comprising a source of fluid in communication with one of the first and second fluid flow paths.
15. (Original) The catheter system of claim 14, wherein the source of fluid is responsive to the pressure sensor.
16. (Original) The catheter system of claim 15, wherein the pressure sensor is operative to terminate fluid flow upon detection of a change in pressure.
17. (Original) The catheter system of claim 14, wherein fluid in the first fluid path is under positive pressure and fluid in the second fluid path is under reduced pressure.

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group Art Unit : 3729
Application No. 10/706,525
Filed: 11/12/2003
Attorney Docket No.: 21819-119CONCON

18. (Original) The catheter system of claim 14, wherein the pressure sensor is operative to detect a fluid leak in the catheter system.

19. (Original) The catheter system of claim 14, wherein the pressure sensor is operative to detect a fluid leak in the flexible catheter.

20. (Original) The catheter system of claim 14, wherein the pressure sensor is operative to detect a fluid leak in the handle portion.

CLAIMS 21-23. CANCELLED